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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT

1. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MARCH 2 THAT THREE
CATEGORIES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE VARIOUSLY
AFFECTED BY FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU:

A. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CABINET), ACCORDING
TO ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, HAVE SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS.
THEIR RESIGNATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BUT THEY HAVE BEEN
ASKED TO STAY ON PENDING NAMING OF NEW MINISTERS, WHICH
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WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH.

B. WITH REGARD TO OFFICIALS APPOINTED DIRECTLY BY
PRESIDENT, QUESTION OF RESIGNATIONS DOES NOT ARISE;
IT IS UP TO PRESIDENT TO DECIDE THESE MATTERS.

C. QUESTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF

SEMI-STATE ORGANIZATIONS (MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS, SCHOOL COMMITTEES ETC.), WHO ARE APPOINTED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WILL BE DEALT WITH BY NEW CABINET AFTER IT IS FORMED.

2. OFFICE OF GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS APPARENTLY IS BEING TREATED SEPARATELY. SPOKESMAN ISSUED SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 2 THAT INCUMBENT TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS HAD TENDERED RESIGNATION BUT HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY ON. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO WHETHER HIS RESIGNATION, AS IN CASE OF MINISTERS, HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. IN REPLY TO INQUIRY, SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO GO BEYOND ISSUED STATEMENT. THUS QUESTION IS RAISED, HAS PAPADOPOULOS BEEN ASKED TO STAY ON INDEFINITELY OR ONLY FOR INTERIM.
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